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ELECTRIC VEHICLE HAS GREAT FUTURE, DELEGATES ASSERT

Largest Convention of Association Ever Held Opens Its Sessions at the Bellevue-Stratford.

Good Roads and Legislation in the Best Interests of the Industry Demanded—Discuss Storage Battery Car's Evolution.

Enthusiastic discussions of the future of the electric vehicle marked the second day's session of the fifth annual convention of the Electric Vehicle Association of America in the clover room of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel today.

At the opening of the session announcement was made that the convention was the largest that the association had ever held, nearly 50 members attending.

"The electric car will absolutely and unquestionably be the automobile of the future, both for pleasure and business," declared Frank W. Smith, president of the association.

"The statement made by Doctor Stenmetz has set all of us to thinking, and I believe that it is the opinion of nearly every man here that with the coming of the manufacture of electric cars on the large scale and the wider distribution of charging stations, will come some of the electric vehicle will become a prominent part of it in a matter of time when the electrically propelled automobile will predominate.

"The electric vehicle has already proved its efficiency, dependability, simplicity and ease of operation.

"The field for expansion is in the low-priced car, and recent indications are that efficient cars have nearly within their grasp of the average automobile owner will be offered to the public."

T. J. Jones, speaking on "A Wider Dissemination of Electric Vehicle Information," said that the members expressed their gratification over the action of the marshals in several sections of the country in allowing the electric car to be placed in the same garage with gasoline cars.

Coming to the question of space, the charging apparatus causing a fire in the electric car in some places has been barred from the garages where gasoline is used. By proper guarding the charging apparatus this objection has been largely overcome.

Addresses were made by William P. Kennedy, W. C. Woodruff, W. H. Woodruff, George H. Kelly, H. P. Dodge, and the meeting closed with H. H. Dooling's address on "The Trend of Electrical Vehicle Manufacture."

Women attending the convention toured the suburbs and Fairmount Park in electric automobiles and had luncheon at the Whitehart Valley Country Club.

A distinguished feature of the convention today was Fred M. Kimball, manager of the small motors department of the General Electric Company. Kimball bears the reputation of having designed and built the first storage-battery-driven electric vehicle in the United States. He was sanguine over the future of the electric automobile.

"There is a general impression that the electric vehicle is necessarily one of comparatively low speed," he said. "In reality it may be said that an electric vehicle may be equipped to operate at a speed substantially as high as a gasoline car. In the present state of the art, however, it is inadvisable to equip electric vehicles for speeds much exceeding 15 or 20 miles an hour."

Thomas A. Edlison, who was to attend Wednesday's session, sent a telegram regretting that he would be unable to come to Philadelphia.

ARMY-NAVY GAME PROBABLY WILL, OR WON'T, BE PLAYED

Hourly Bulletins Leave No Other Alternative for Decision.

Football enthusiasts' hopes alternately rose and fell today with the hourly bulletins from Washington and other sources as to whether the Army and Navy football game would be played this year in Philadelphia.

Those who have been observing the football situation within the last week suggested that John Lind, who made a study of Mexico for the present Administration, be appointed by President Wilson to solve the problem.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels issued a statement last Monday that the five-year plan had been accepted, and that the Army and Navy football game would be played this year. This statement was contradicted at West Point.

Lieutenant Commander Jones, of the Navy, surprised the football fans today by a statement that the game was off. When Secretary Daniels' attention was called to Lieutenant Commander Jones' statement, he said:

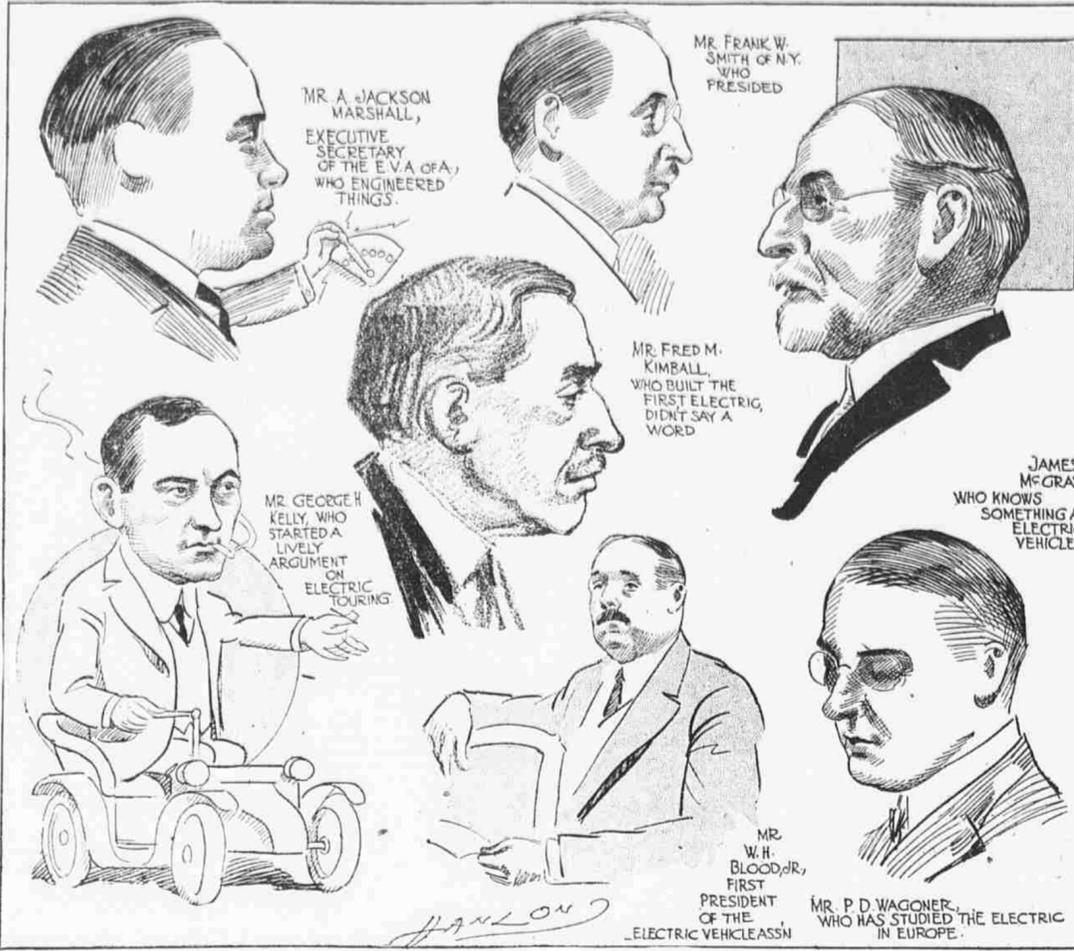
"Jones is in relation to know."

Later an official of the Naval Academy Athletic Association wired the following: "So far as the Naval Academy is concerned, the game is on and will be played in Philadelphia."

MAN STABBED WITH KNIFE

Sneaker Martin, 321 North Virginia street, is at the Roosevelt Hospital today in a serious condition as the result of being stabbed with a broad knife by his wife, according to the police. The couple quarreled over about \$50 of the woman's earnings. She was arrested and arraigned today for a hearing.

LIVE WIRES AT CONVENTION OF ELECTRICAL VEHICLE ASSOCIATION



MR. A. JACKSON MARSHALL, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE E. V. A. (E. V. A.), WHO ENGINEERED THINGS.

MR. FRANK W. SMITH OF N.Y., WHO PRESIDED.

MR. FRED M. KIMBALL, WHO BUILT THE FIRST ELECTRIC, DIDN'T SAY A WORD.

JAMES H. MCGRAW, WHO KNOWS SOMETHING ABOUT ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

MR. GEORGE H. KELLY, WHO STARTED A LIVELY ARGUMENT ON ELECTRIC TOURING.

MR. W. H. BLOOD, FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE ELECTRICAL VEHICLE ASSN.

MR. P. D. WAGONER, WHO HAS STUDIED THE ELECTRIC IN EUROPE.

BORING BURGLAR BLAMED FOR MANY HOUSE ROBBERIES

Used Gimlet in Operations and Worked Daring System, Police Say of Man Now a Prisoner.

Detectives stole a man taken into custody this morning as a "boring burglar." His name is John Borensky, and he used a gimlet chiefly to enter houses. Occasionally he used a skeleton key.

The police say that in view of evidence found today, the prisoner is responsible for at least 23 robberies in all parts of the city.

After robbing a few houses in one neighborhood, according to Special Policeman Beckman, Borensky would quickly shift the scene to a locality many miles from where he had been working. By thus operating he had thrice almost his own way. But Borensky made one mistake. That was sticking to the gimlet.

Word came to City Hall that in many of the robberies entrance was forced by boring a large hole, through which the thief removed a bolt or broke an inside lock.

A number of persons were taken to the rooms of the "boring burglars" at Main and Cotton streets, Manayunk, today and identified goods of all description, which were taken from homes in all parts of the city. Meanwhile Borensky remains in a cell in City Hall, while the investigation continues.

Among the houses robbed by the man, according to the police, are the following: 1230 Spruce 4th street, also 1212 and 1214 South 4th, four houses from 1010 to 1024 North 5th street, 39 and 39 Girard avenue, 292 Columbia avenue, northeast corner 11th street and Girard avenue, three houses in the neighborhood of 26th street and Columbia avenue and two houses in Manayunk.

The goods stolen were worth \$150.

Borensky was arrested as the result of an investigation made by Special Policemen Beckman and Knoll, of the Front and Master streets station.

NAVY YARD SEEKS WORK

Secretary Daniels Promises Improvements at League Island.

The work of completing the transport for which a contract was recently awarded to the Philadelphia Navy yard will require the development of the yard, according to Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

Congressman J. Washington Logan yesterday called upon the Secretary on behalf of the employees of the yard, who hope to have all work on the transport done in the navy yard.

Secretary Daniels not only promised to develop the development of the yard, but also said that every effort would be made to have the new transport the product of Philadelphia workmanship in every respect.

200 PASS POSTAL TEST

All Will Be Appointed "Sub" Carriers or Clerks.

AGED MAN ACCUSES NEPHEW OF STEALING HIS MONEY

\$99 Disappears From Beneath Pillow While He Lies Ill.

Charles Lake, 234 Huntington street, is being sought today by Special Policemen Williams and Klett, of the 26th and York streets station, on the charge of stealing \$99 from his uncle and benefactor, the uncle is Frank Lake, 75 years old, who also lives at the Huntington street address.

Since the death of his wife two weeks ago, the elder Lake has been so ill he was unable to leave his bed. Beneath his pillow he had \$99 left from insurance money after paying funeral expenses, and he charges his nephew with stealing the money while he was asleep.

The theft was not reported to the police until last night. It is said to have occurred some time early Sunday morning. Charles Lake has been nursing his uncle since the younger man died, and appeared the patient had no one to care for him. It was some hours before he managed to attract the attention of neighbors, who are now caring for him.

"FREEDOM TICKET" PUNCHED 10 TIMES, MAN GOES TO JAIL

He Just Couldn't Stay Sober and Eleventh Arrest Was Inevitable.

Patrick Dougherty ran out his "ticket of freedom" at the 24 and Christian streets station today, and Magistrate Carson sent him to the House of Correction for 30 days. Dougherty says he works on a farm at Chester. He has been before the magistrate 10 times in the last 11 days.

When Dougherty appeared before Magistrate Carson the first time the latter thought nothing of it and discharged him with a warning to stay sober. After the fourth time, Magistrate Carson decided to give him a run for his freedom.

Accordingly, he issued a "freedom ticket." He told Dougherty that when it had been punched by times, once for each arrest, he would have to go to the House of Correction. This morning the 10th punch mark was made in the ticket.

Once Dougherty tried to "spin one" on the magistrate by getting himself arrested in the 4th street and Snyder avenue district, but Magistrate Carson happened to be holding the hearings there that day and the scheme failed to work.

OPEN BIDS FOR PAVING, BUT THERE ARE NO FUNDS

Councils Fail to appropriate Money for Improvements Authorized.

Bids were received today by Director Cook, of the Department of Public Works, for making improvements in highways aggregating \$125,000 in cost.

The work comprises grading, paving and repaving streets with asphalt, wood block, Belgian and striated blocks and surfacing and resurfacing country roads with asphalt.

Councils' unbusinesslike methods are exemplified by the fact that \$9,000 of today's paving contract cannot be awarded immediately, the money is not available.

After a long session, the paving, but appropriated no money with which to pay for the work.

BALLOT SEEKERS CONTINUE THEIR AUTO CAMPAIGN

Suffragist Orators Tour City, Making Speeches in Interest of the "Cause and Proposed Amendment."

Cheered and encouraged by the enthusiasm with which they were received yesterday, "Bying squadrons" of suffragists started out today on the second of their six days' campaign, with renewed confidence.

They hope at the end of the week to see substantial gains chalked up to the credit of the cause of votes for women and the suffrage amendment to the State constitution.

Today again decorated automobiles and trucks again are dashing into various sections of Philadelphia carrying men and women whose evident determination, enthusiasm and sincerity back up their arguments.

The meetings today cover an area from Columbia to Washington avenues. The receptions tendered the squadrons are cordial and the crowds are everywhere interested. While the speakers are making the addresses suffrage workers mingle in the crowds offering pledge cards to be signed.

When the work was all over yesterday and there was time to count up it was estimated that the total for the day numbered more than 300 converts and those supporters of the "cause" who for the first time had an opportunity to register themselves in support of the movement.

In addition to the making of actual converts, the purpose of the present campaign is to get a full list of those who are already in favor of the movement in order that the real strength of the suffrage cause in Philadelphia may be estimated.

As an evidence of the drag-net nature of the present effort, it even includes in some sections a house-to-house canvass and the distribution of literature from door to door.

The schedule of today's meetings includes noon meetings at Broad and Washington avenues and 15th and Washington avenues, and a meeting at the Schuylkill Arsenal, Gray's Ferry road and Washington avenue at 4:30.

GUEST AT CHRISTENING BITES OFF ANOTHER'S EAR

Inflicted Wound During What Should Have Been Fond Embrace.

Nicholas Smith, of 819 Brandywine street, is missing a portion of an ear today as the result of a christening party.

Lisap, of Noble street, near 16th was held under \$100 bail for court by Magistrate Emery for biting off the ear of Smith.

It happened during the christening of Andrea Duitosky, four months old, of 311 Noble street.

BOARDER SMOKES IN BED; AWAKENS AMID FLAMES

Cigarette Causes Fire Which Almost Has Serious Ending.

A lit cigarette, dropped in bed by Teny Corfo, 754 South Marine street, nearly cost the man his life and created intense excitement among other persons in the house. The place is a boarding house conducted by Joseph Senot.

Corfo, it is said, returned to his boarding house at 2 o'clock this morning. He carried a lit cigarette in his hand, and when he went to bed continued puffing. When he awakened Senot was falling at his feet. The bed was in flames.

Seizing a rug from the floor Senot wrapped it about Corfo and managed to extinguish the flames before they had seriously injured the man.

Meanwhile other boarders in the house, smelling smoke, rushed from their rooms in a panic.

LEAD 55 HORSES UP RUNWAY TO THIRD FLOOR AT A FIRE

Animals Saved From Suffocation When Stable Is in Flames.

To save 55 horses from being suffocated by smoke early this morning in a fire in a stable over the garage of Henry Ruck, Carle street and Montgomery avenue, the firemen led them up a runway to the third floor of the stable, not attempting to take them down the burning runway to the street.

The firemen gained the second floor by means of a stairway, and confident that they could save the building, began the "transfer" of the horses to the third floor. The frightened animals were blindfolded and taken to safety. Employees of the garage pushed into the street 11 motor cars that were in storage.

The cause of the fire is supposed to have been spontaneous combustion in the hay loft. The loss was about \$2000.

REPENTS "FINDING" TENNIS SLIPPERS ON PARK BENCH

Footwear Belonged to Young Woman and Man Is Held.

While examining a pair of tennis slippers in Fairmount Park, the meditations of Frank Bourjohn, 319 Dauphin street, were interrupted by Captain Duncan of the Park Guards.

Bourjohn was wandering through the Park yesterday when he found the slippers. They were on a bench and Bourjohn sat down beside them. Two young women were playing tennis nearby. Bourjohn casually picked up the slippers to examine them and stepped from under a tree to get more light.

He took several steps, perhaps, when one of the young women playing tennis whistled. Bourjohn did not know the whistle was meant to attract his attention, and went on going to where the light was better.

The whistle was repeated louder and Captain Duncan, who was on an inspection tour of the Park, jumped from his automobile, arrested the startled Bourjohn and restored the slippers.

At the hearing this morning the young women did not appear, but Captain Duncan came to support a charge of larceny. Bourjohn said that he was only having a little fun. Magistrate Emery held the young man under \$100 bail for court.

W. H. LOCKE INVENTORY WAS \$15,000 STOCK IN PHILLIES

Appraisal of Club's Former President's Estate is Filed.

Personal property of William H. Locke, former president of the Philadelphia National League baseball club, has been appraised at \$15,000, according to an inventory of the estate filed at the office of Register of Wills today.

The appraisal of the personal property includes an interest of \$15,000 in the Philadelphia baseball club.

Personal property of Matilda S. Eberhart has been appraised at \$10,180.84.

The will of Edwin H. Shannon, late of 3121 Powelton avenue, disposing of an estate of \$20,000, was admitted to probate today. Other wills probated are those of Herman J. Einhorn, 763 South 4th street, \$500; and Caroline Valet, 2715 East Clearfield street, \$2500.

"TILLIE" IS A BIRD; SHE'S FOND OF SLEUTHS

Haunts Detective Bureau and Won't Let Detectives Slumber.

Leaning back in a chair half asleep, Detective Mahoney was startled at City Hall today when a stranger put his head in the window of the Detective Bureau and murmured something that sounded like: "Lo-ok at the ru-the."

The voice came from the courtyard, and as there are no airplanes or Zeppelins scouting in that neighborhood, Mahoney leaped from the chair. Detective Timlin, who was dozing nearby, also looked startled. "Did you—?" asked Mahoney.

"Yes, I did," said Timlin.

While they were pondering over it, a peculiar looking creature with a white beard and a blue eye fluttered in the window sill and blinked at them.

"It's a bird," shouted Mahoney.

"Of course it is," said Timlin.

Mahoney then picked the visitor up and found it to be a pigeon. The pigeon rubbed its head against Mahoney's sleeve and cooed. Then it yawned and shook its feathers out to show that it was glad to be there.

Attached to one of the bird's legs was a tag marked "19 N." Realizing that the pigeon was a carrier, Mahoney gave it a drink and then liberated it. But it flew back again. This time Timlin saw the pigeon free. Again it came back.

It had a number of queer characteristics. When drinking, for instance, the bird, which had been christened "Tillie," can perch on the end of a pitcher and drink without falling in. She is also mysterious in her movements, so the detectives have decided to make her a member of the "aeroplane squad."

ELECTRICALLY PROPELLED COLLIER BRINGS SCRAP IRON

Jupiter Will Proceed to Richmond After Unloading Here.

The new electrically driven collier Jupiter is unloading a cargo of scrap iron at the Philadelphia Navy Yard today. After this the ship will proceed to Port Richmond to take on a cargo of coal for the United States fleet stationed in Mexican waters.

On the way the collier will stop at Annapolis, where she will be inspected by the cutter of the Naval Academy and Government engineers from Washington.

The vessel has attracted attention as the first ship driven by electric power in the United States Navy. Although the collier's trip from San Francisco, by way of the Panama Canal, is her maiden voyage, the officers declare the Jupiter has proved to be a success in every respect.

After the passage of the Jupiter through the new canal, officers of the collier expressed the opinion that the "Cablea Cut" would either have to be widened or a new cut made in order that the vessels in opposite directions might not interfere with each other. They declare vessels of the present type would be unable to pass in the cut, and this, they believe, will develop congestion at either end of the canal.

OUT OF WORK BECAUSE OF WAR; ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Dependency Caused George Scheidt to Seek to End Life.

Dependency over his failure to get work since the outbreak of the European war, according to the police, caused George Scheidt, 31 years old, 1024 Moyock street, to attempt suicide by leaping into the Delaware River at the foot of Fitzwater street.

He was rescued by Chief Patrick Murphy, of the light-house tender Isis, who plunged into the water and pulled him out. After he had refused to hold to a life belt which Patrolman Sullivan threw to him.

Scheidt was seen on the wharf at 3:30 o'clock yesterday morning. When he reached the edge he stood for a minute looking at the water beneath him and then calmly walked off the edge of the pier.

A number of persons standing nearby heard the splash. Patrolman Sullivan dived in and managed to bring the man to safety.

He was taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital in an ambulance and it is said he will recover. When asked why he had tried to end his life, Scheidt replied that he was thrown out of work at the beginning of the war and had not been able to get anything to do since.

AGENTS "HOLIDAY" TOO LONG

Insurance Man's Office Furnishings Sold for Rent During Absence.

"Have gone for a holiday," will return September 23.

Insurance agent S. M. Epstein, in a waiting room at Chestnut street, placed on his door when he left town some time ago. Epstein has not yet returned and when he does there will be a surprise awaiting him. He will find a new tenement furnished with his office and his office furnishings will have been distributed among dealers of the city. They are going to sell the furniture for rent money. S. M. Epstein, constable for a few days, was taken by the Girard Trust Company.

THOUGHTLESS SEND HORNS AND DOLLS FOR WAR ORPHANS

Many Charitably Inclined Persons Forget That Little Recipients of Gifts Will Be Shivering.

Sponsors for Christmas Ship Ask Contributions of Warm Clothing to Relieve Suffering of Unfortunate Children.

Sentiment and common sense are having a hard tussle in the breasts of the donors of Christmas gifts to the children of the war zone, judging from the latest consignments of contributions which arrived at the Christmas ship pavilion in City Hall courtyard this morning.

Despite the efforts of the Child Federation to impress the fact upon contributors that the orphans will not be able to enjoy horns and dolls and picture books when their little feet are cold and their little bodies have not sufficient clothing to protect them from the "cauld, cauld blasts," nevertheless the toys came in a plenty.

There were packages of trains and sleds and there were packages of paper-dolls, jumping ropes, rubber animals, horse reins and blocks, and all but a few of them were marked with emphatic underlining: "For the children of the Belgian refugees."

Among the more practical gifts were woollen tam-buffers, knitted shawls, dozens of mufflers and many pairs of mittens.

Letters to the Child Federation indicate that the interest in Philadelphia's Christmas ship is more than state-wide. Card clubs of New Jersey and Delaware have been converted into temporary sewing circles, and many Sunday school classes are weaving mittens and thread in- dustry so as to have warm things made up for the kiddies before October 23, the last day that contributions will be received.

And if the women from the nearby States are busily getting little garments ready, so also there is scarcely a small town in Pennsylvania which has not its quota sewing right merrily for the far-away children, who, were it not for their efforts, would not have any Christmas gifts.

Thus far \$250,000 has been received in money contributions. The Child Federation will spend for clothing to be distributed to the various nations impartially, unless there has been a request for the contrary.

Somewhere 12 little children are to be made lumpy by a complete outfit provided by Edward Bok, president of the Child Federation. Mr. Bok has sent mittens, stockings, hats, sweaters and several boxes of assorted toys—enough to fill all the childish wants of six boys and six girls.

AUTOIST FINED FOR STUNTS

Drives Car Backwards Up and Down Hill in Park.

Driving automobiles backward in Fairmount Park is not permitted. When a motorist, Mr. Bok has sent mittens, stockings, hats, sweaters and several boxes of assorted toys—enough to fill all the childish wants of six boys and six girls.

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THE WEATHER Official Forecast

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20. Tonight, slightly warmer in north and west portions; Wednesday fair and warmer; gentle to moderate winds becoming southerly; Thursday, Jersey; Fair tonight and Wednesday.

Light rains occurred in the extreme northeast last night under the influence of a disturbance that is moving off the coast of Nova Scotia this morning. Showers also occurred in Arkansas and Louisiana and it is raining this morning in the eastern portions of Oklahoma and Texas. Fair, cooler, and lower in the far northwest. In general there is a slight excess in the central valleys and seasonable conditions elsewhere.

U. S. Weather Bureau Bulletin Observations made at 8 a. m. Eastern time.

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